

Amendments to the claims

1 - 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Presently amended) The tooth according to claim 17 25 wherein the shank includes a circumferentially extending groove and a spring clip engaging the groove for the purpose of providing a compressive fit of the tooth in the corresponding hole in a block.

19. (Presently amended) The tooth according to claim 17 25 wherein the cutting face surface comprises a hardened carbide steel insert.

20. (Presently amended) The tooth according to claim 17 25 wherein the shank is cylindrical and has an axis that forms a 90° angle with respect to the shoulder.

21. (Presently amended) The tooth according to claim 20 25 wherein the cutting surface includes a carbide steel insert that is joined to the tooth by brazing.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Presently amended) The tooth according to claim 22 25 wherein the shank forms an angle of about 45° with respect to the cutting face of the tooth.